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PROTRACTIVE, *adj.* [from *protract*.] Dilatory; delaying; spinning to length.

Our works are nought else
But the *protractiv* trials of great Jove;
To find perceptive constancy in men.
He suffer'd their *protractiv* arts,
And strove by mildness to reduce their hearts.

PROTREPTICAL, *adj.* [from *protreptō*.] Hortatory; suatory.
The means used are partly didactical and *protreptical*; demonstrating the truths of the gospel, and then urging the professors to be steadfast in the faith, and beware of infidelity.

PROTRUDE, *v. a.* [from *protrudo*, Lat.] To thrust forward.
When the stomach has performed its office upon the food, it *protrudes* it into the guts, by whose peristaltic motion it is gently conveyed along.

They were not left, upon the sea's being *protruded* forwards, and constrained to fall off from certain coasts by the mud or earth, which is discharged into it by rivers.

By flow degrees,
High as the hills *protrude* the swelling vales.

PROTRUDE, *v. n.* To thrust itself forward.
If the spirits be not merely detain'd, but *protrude* a little, and that motion be confus'd, there followeth putrefaction.

PROTRUSION, *n. f.* [from *protrusio*, Lat.] The act of thrusting forward; thrust; push.

To conceive this in bodies inflexible, and without all *protrusion* of parts, were to expect a race from Hercules his pillars.

One can have the idea of one body moved, whilst others are at rest; then the place, it deserted, gives us the idea of pure space without solidity, whereinto another body may enter, without either resistance or *protrusion* of any thing.

PROTUBERANCE, *n. f.* [from *protuberans*, Lat.] Something swelling above the rest; prominence; tumour.

If the world were eternal, by the continual fall and wearing of waters, all the *protuberances* of the earth would in time since have been levelled, and the superficies of the earth rendered plain.

Mountains seem but so many wens and unnatural *protuberances* upon the face of the earth.

PROTUBERANT, *adj.* [from *protuberans*.] Swelling; prominent.

One man's eyes are more *protuberant* and swelling out, another's more sunk and depressed.

Though the eye seems round, in reality the iris is *protuberant* above the white, else the eye could not have admitted a whole hemisphere at one view.

PROTUBERATE, *v. n.* [from *protuberans*, Lat.] To swell forward; to swell out beyond the parts adjacent.

If the navel *protuberates*, make a small puncture with a lancet through the skin, and the waters will be voided without any danger of a hernia succeeding.

PROUD, *adj.* [from *probo* or *probo*, Saxon.]

1. Too much pleased with himself.
The *proudest* admirer of his own parts might find it useful to consult with others, though of inferior capacity.

2. Elated; valuing himself. With *of* before the object.
Fortune, that with malicious joy,
Does man her slave oppress,
Proud of her office to destroy,
Is seldom pleas'd to bless.

3. Arrogant; haughty; impatient.
The patient in spirit is better than the *proud* in spirit.

4. Daring; presumptuous.
By his understanding he smiteth through the *proud*.
The blood foretold the giant's fall,
By this *proud* Palmer's hand.

5. Lofly of men; grand of person.
He like a *proud* steed rein'd, went haughty on.

6. Grand; lofty; splendid; magnificent.
So much is true, that the said country of Atlantis, as well as that of Peru, then called Coya, as that of Mexico, then named Tyrambel, were mighty and *proud* kingdoms in arms, shipping and riches.

7. Offentatious; specious; grand.
I better brook the loss of brittle life,
Than those *proud* titles thou hast won of me.

8. Salacious; eager for the male.
That camphire begets in men an impotency unto venery, observation will hardly confirm, and we have found it fail in cocks and hens, which was a more favourable trial than that of Scaliger, when he gave it unto a bitch that was *proud*.

9. [From *probo*, Sax. is swelling.] Fungous; exuberant.
When the vessels are too lax, and do not sufficiently resist the influx of the liquid, that begets a fungus or *proud* flesh.

This eminence is composed of little points, called fungus or *proud* flesh.

PROUDLY, *adv.* [from *proud*.] Arrogantly; ostentatiously; in a proud manner.

He bears himself more *proudly*
Even to my person, than I thought he would.

Between her white wings mantling *proudly* rows.
Ancus follows with a fawning air;
But vain within, and *proudly* popular.

Proudly he marches on, and void of fear;
Vain indulgence.

PROVE, *v. a.* [from *probo*, Lat. *prover*, Fr.]

1. To evince; to show by argument or testimony.
Let the trumpet found,
If none appear to *prove* upon thy person
Thy heinous, manifest, and many treasons,
There is my pledge; I'll *prove* it on thy heart.

2. To try; to bring to the test.
Wilt thou thy idle rage by reason *prove*?
Or speak those thoughts, which have no power to move?

3. To experience.
Thy overpraising leaves in doubt
The virtue of that fruit, in thee first *prov'd*.

4. To make trial.
Children *prove*, whether they can rub upon the breast with one hand, and pat upon the forehead with another.

5. To succeed.
If the experiment *proved* not, it might be pretended, that the beasts were not killed in the due time.

6. To be found in the event.
The fair blossom hangs the head
Sideways, as on a dying bed,
And those pearls of dew she wears,
Prove to be prefiguring tears.

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God will *provide* himself a lamb for a burnt-offering.
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When'er he chanc'd his hands to lay
On magazines of corn or hay,
Gold ready coin'd appear'd, instead
Of poultry *provident* and bread.

For a fortnight before you kill them, fed them with hay or other *provident*.

PROVERB, *n. f.* [from *proverbe*, Fr. *proverbium*, Lat.]

1. A short sentence frequently repeated by the people; a saw; an adage.
The sum of his whole book of *proverbs* is an exhortation to the study of this practical wisdom.

It is in praise and commendation of men, as it is in gettings and gains; for the *proverb* is true, that light gains make heavy purses; for light gains come thick, whereas great come but now and then.

The Italian *proverb* says of the Genoese, that they have a sea without fish, land without trees, and men without faith.

2. A word, name or observation commonly received or uttered.
Thou hast observed us for a spoil, and a *proverb* of reproach.

PROVERB, *v. a.* [from the noun.] Not a good word.
1. To mention in a proverb.
Am I not fang and *proverb'd* for a fool
In every street; do they not say, how well
Are come upon him his demerits?

2. To provide with a proverb.
Let wantons, light of heart,
Tickle the senseless ruffles with their heels:
For I am *proverb'd* with a grandfire phrase;
I'll be a candle-holder and look on.

PROVERBIAL, *adj.* [from *proverbial*, Fr. from *proverb*.]

1. Mentioned in a proverb.
In case of excesses, I take the German *proverbial* cure, by a hair of the same beast, to be the worst in the world; and the best, the monks diet, to eat till you are sick, and fast till you are well again.

2. Resembling a proverb; suitable to a proverb.
This river's head being unknown, and drawn to a *proverbial* obscurity, the opinion thereof became without bounds.

3. Comprised in a proverb.
Moral sentences and *proverbial* speeches are numerous in this poet.

PROVERBIAL, *adv.* [from *proverbial*.] In a proverb.
It is *proverbially* said, *formicæ sua bilis inest, habet & musca splenem*; whereas these parts anatomy hath not discovered in insects.

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